

Neighborhood Advisory Group Meeting
San Jose City Hall Wing, room 118
January 21, 2009

6:34 pm- Agenda Item I-Welcome and Chair's Remarks

- Don Gagliardi welcomes everyone and highlights recent changes to the meeting format.

6:35 pm- Agenda Item II- Working Group Reports/Updates

- Traffic Calming/Scott Owens- Due to increased personal time commitments, Scott is looking for someone interested in acting as the Traffic Calming Working Group leader.
- Scott raised concerns regarding status of traffic calming projects due to funding cuts at the Dept of Transportation (DOT). Councilman Liccardo confirms that DOT, like the City is facing budget deficits.
- Next traffic calming working group meeting- Feb. 12.
- Parks/CIP Maintenance- skipped.

6:42 pm- Agenda Item III- Park Fees Discussion

- Councilman Liccardo and Matt Cano assured the NAG that previously allocated funds are unaffected. As an example, bids have gone out for the work to be done at Watson Park.
- Some CIP funding still exists for small projects or projects with a city-wide scope. To suggest smaller D3 projects (e.g. playground equipment) contact Sharon Tran at D3 office.
- Don Gagliardi challenged the estimated costs for several projects and suggests a private/public collaboration to utilize neighborhood talents to complete work more cost effectively. Councilman Liccardo supports a collaboration and is willing to explore possibilities that work within City guidelines.
- Tamien Park project is gathering resident input for amenities.
- Pellier Park is continuing to work with the developer.
- Tina Morrill requests status of N San Pedro Park. It is included as a line item on the parks list and she is concerned about the level (lack) of community outreach done. Matt Cano will follow up.

7:00 pm- Agenda Item IV- Open Forum & Announcements

- Tina Morrill- attended a neighbor led meeting to discuss applicable City codes and zoning for businesses located in neighborhoods. Concerns have been raised over bail bonds and other businesses in or in close proximity to neighborhoods/schools. More details to come as available.

7:04 pm- Agenda Item V- District Project Related to Youth Programming

- Joan Rivas-Cosby introduces two youth-oriented volunteer agencies for D3 consideration.
- The Role Model Program (www.therolemodelprogram.org): founded 1989; serves 4th/5th graders at SJ Unified and Franklin-McKinley schools with low API scores and high free lunch subsidies; 6000 students reached thru organized curriculum administered once/week in 8 week sessions.
- 3rd Street Community Center (www.3street.org): offers after school tutoring (2:00-6:00pm) to 1st-5th graders primarily from Horace Mann elementary; special projects available for volunteers; summer of learning; weekend Tech Challenge Robotics program.
- Beth Shafran-Mukai questioned the absence of a previously suggested group, Girls for a Change. Per Ruth Cueto/D3, the group did not respond to her inquiries. Ruth will try to contact again and invite them to the February meeting.
- No decision reached as to which agency to support. NAG will continue to identify youth-oriented volunteer agencies to find a good fit for neighborhood resources/volunteers.
- D3 office will develop a summary of potential partner organizations.
- Suggestion made to research possibility of offering volunteers to staff community centers and/or libraries for additional hours.

8:05 pm- Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting date: Wednesday, February 18, 2009, 6:30-8:00 pm, City Hall meeting room 118-119